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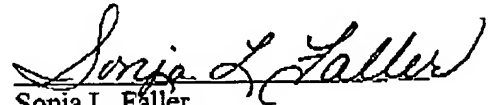
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I Sonja L. Faller hereby declare that on October 4, 2006 I signed certificates of transmission on a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and an Amendment and Restriction Election in the above-identified patent application. I further declare that I, by my own hand, transmitted the aforementioned RCE and Amendment and Restriction Election, and a Petition for Extension of Time. I also declare that I have reviewed the USPTO's PAIR system and declare that the RCE, Amendment and Restriction Election, and Petition for Extension of Time shown on the PAIR system for the above-identified patent application appear to be the documents I transmitted to the USPTO on October 4, 2006.

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Date: December 19, 2006